

ABSTRACT

The invention describes a method for financing and/or valuing participants in a supply chain. By aggregating borrowing needs of the supply chain, an individual participant
5 in that supply chain may be able to obtain more favorable financing than if the borrower sought financing alone. This financing method may include credit scoring, credit enhancement techniques, and asset-backed securitization. A larger/stronger participant in the supply chain, which may even be the original equipment manufacturer itself, may support credit enhancement techniques. In return for such support, that larger/stronger participant
10 may receive financial advantages and/or information as to how the participants operate and thereby be able to assist in managing the chain as a whole in a more efficient manner and thereby provide benefits to all participants in that chain.